

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

If an educated public is essential to a democracy, any group that holds a monopolist position in the media has undue control of what the public can learn. Tyrants have long known that the control of information is essential in maintaining control of the populace. The centralization of control of the media industry is inherently undemocratic and presents a very serious threat to freedom.